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SUBJECT: VENEZUELA WITHDRAWS REQUEST FOR HERBICIDE ORANGE

REF: A. STATE 109250; B. CARACAS 4836; C. CARACAS A-626,  
DECEMBER 24, 1972.

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED LETTER DATED JULY 12 FROM VENEZUELAN AGRICULTURE MINISTER ADDRESSED TO AID AFFAIRS OFFICER NORRED WITHDRAWING HIS REQUEST OF DECEMBER 20, 1972 FOR 800,000 GALLONS OF HERBICIDE ORANGE UNDERSTOOD TO BE AVAILABLE FROM U.S. GOVERNMENT STOCKS. HE EXPLAINS THAT VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT NOW HAS NO INTEREST IN ACQUIRING THE MATERIAL BECAUSE THERE IS APPARENTLY SOME RISK TO HUMAN AND ANIMAL LIFE FROM USE OF THIS HERBICIDE.

2. TEXT OF LETTER BEING TRANSMITTED BY AIRGRAM.

3. WE ARE NOW IN POSITION TO SAY THAT U.S. GOVERNMENT HAS TAKEN NO ACTION ON ORIGINAL VENEZUELAN REQUEST PENDING RESULTS OF STILL UNCOMPLETED REVIEW OF USE OF HERBICIDE ORANGE FOR AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES, AND VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT HAS WITHDRAWN ITS REQUEST.  
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